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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE WAYS AND
MEANS COMMITTEE

1. CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AL ULLMAN
IS PLANNING A ONE WEEK VISIT TO EUROPE IN LATE NOVEMBER.
THIS TELEGRAM IS TO INFORM POSTS OF ULLMAN'S PLANS AND
ASKS POSTS' SUGGESTIONS FOR INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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2. THE CHAIRMAN IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS EUROPEAN TAX
COUNCIL, A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION OF TAX SPECIALISTS, ON
NOVEMBER 27 IN PARIS. HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF HIS PRESENCE IN EUROPE TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH THE
PROGRESS OF THE MTN BOTH IN GENEVA AND BRUSSELS. EQUALLY
IMPORTANT, THE CHAIRMAN WISHES DISCUSS GENERAL ECONOMIC
SITUATION WITH FRENCH, BRITISH, GERMAN AND EUROPEAN

COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND OBTAIN THEIR ASSESSMENTS. HE WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO TAKE ON ONE OTHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT TO AN APPROPRIATE PRIVATE GROUP. IN PLANNING CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITIES, POSTS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT HE IS LIKELY TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SECOND MAJORITY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE RANKING MINORITY MEMBER, BARBER CONABLE. TOTAL PARTY WITH WIVES AND STAFFERS WILL NOT EXCEED TEN PERSONS.

3. CHAIRMAN IS NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF DEPARTING EVENING OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 OR NOVEMBER 25. HE WOULD HOPE TO SPEND ONLY A FEW HOURS ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 27 WITH THE TAX COUNCIL AND HAVE THE REMAINING TIME FOR CALL ON FRENCH GOVERNMENT. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER BARRE AND MINISTER OF FINANCE MONOROY. HE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN GENEVA ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 28 FOR MEETING WITH US MTN DELEGATION AND OTHER NEGOTIATORS AND GATT OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE. CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO BE IN BRUSSELS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OR THURSDAY A.M. TO MEET WITH EC COMMISSION, SPECIFICALLY COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS AND POSSIBLY COMMISSIONERS GUNDELACH AND ORTOLI. (WE RECOGNIZE THAT BECAUSE OF US-EC SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 28-29, HAFERKAMPF WILL BE IN WASHINGTON.) LATER THURSDAY AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO BE IN LONDON FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALLS ON CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER AND GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND. HE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING RECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER IF SCHEDULE PERMITS. CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE TRIP IN BONN FRIDAY. HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN VISIT WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY LAMBSDORFF AND PERHAPS MINISTER OF FINANCE MATTHOFER AND CHAIRMAN EMMINGER OF BUNDESBANK. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IF HE IS AVAILABLE. GROUP WOULD SPEND WEEKEND IN BONN BEFORE DEPARTING FOR WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 OR 2.

4. CHAIRMAN AND HIS STAFF ARE AWARE THAT ITINERARY AND DESIRES FOR APPOINTMENTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE COMPRISE HEAVY SCHEDULE FOR ONE WEEK TRIP. FOR THIS REASON, DEPARTMENT AND POSTS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF TRIP WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT TOGETHER WE CAN DESIGN BEST PROGRAM WITH FLEXIBILITY AND ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD LATE FALL FOGS INTERFERE WITH AIR TRAVEL. CHAIRMAN BELIEVES MEETING WITH LEADING BUSINESSMEN AND FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES COULD BEST BE DONE AT LUNCHEONS OR DINNER RATHER THAN SCHEDULING

SEPARATE APPOINTMENTS.

5. PLEASE PROVIDE INITIAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS VISIT
NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25. DEPARTMENT HAS A COMMITMENT
TO REPORT POSTS' INITIAL REACTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN
ON AUGUST 29. CHRISTOPHER

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